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Atonement Lutheran Church

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Office Hours

10:00am - 3:00pm

Tuesday thru Friday



50th Anniversary

Sunday May 15, 2016

Our committee has been working on several projects in order to make our event fun, happy and memorable. Our big project is to update and improve our exterior signage.

The cross in the berm has rot and the reader board has seen better days. The city ordinance is to now have only one sign near the highway. We are going to combine the two. We are fortunate to have architect Dietmar Goebel as a congregation member. He has designed a beautiful cross for us. It is amazing! There is a lot of symbolism with the design. There are actually three crosses representing the Trinity and the crosses of Calvary. Of course the reader board will be two sided and lit from within. We will also have lights shining on the cross from both sides. The location will be where the present cross is now. To see a closer view of the design look on the easel in our library.

We are also going to put signage on 2 sides of the church-east and north. The sign on the east side was there before and removed when we resided. The sign on the north side will help folks see our church well before coming up next to the turn in. The church name will have waves included in the sign. This logo was designed by artist and former member Richard Hazelton.

Our other project is to contribute to the community. We have chosen three charities:

- ◆ SAMARITAN HOUSE HOMELESS FAMILY SHELTER needs bunk beds
- ◆ NEWPORT FOOD PANTRY needs a garden shed
- ◆ LINCOLN COUNTY FOOD SHARE needs a freezer

OUR FUND RAISING GOAL IS \$25,000 FOR ALL THESE PROJECTS. **We hope you will show your support and contribute to this special campaign.**

We at Atonement Lutheran Church reach out with the good news of God's love through Jesus Christ.

As Christ's ministry includes everyone, we, too, welcome persons of any ethnicity, gender identity, race, sexual orientation, marital status, age, economic situation, and physical or mental ability.

We celebrate the gifts each one brings to the life and ministry of this community of faith.





Income/Expense Snapshot...Atonement Lutheran Church ~ March 2016

General Fund	Current Year		Previous Year	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
INCOME				
Members Offerings	\$49,013	\$49,444	\$49,142	\$43,971
Grants	\$2,156	\$1,352	\$1,657	
Room Rents	\$3,060	\$3,352	\$3,260	\$2,925
Capital Fund Transfer	\$0	\$6,000	\$0	\$6,900
Total Income	\$54,229	\$60,148	\$54,059	\$53,796
EXPENSES				
Pastoral Compensation	\$18,530	\$18,335	\$17,647	\$17,647
Pastoral Benefits	\$8,190	\$7,933	\$7,351	\$8,305
Pastoral Expenses	\$432	\$449	\$494	\$965
Staff Compensation	\$10,797	\$11,970	\$8,227	\$11,400
Staff Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$90
Staff Payroll Cost	\$2,409	\$1,327	\$857	\$1,750
Worship & Music	\$1,308	\$1,707	\$1,346	\$628
Education	\$73	\$612	\$40	\$375
Youth	\$35	\$163	\$158	\$163
Outreach/Hospitality	\$268	\$383	\$263	\$395
Social Ministry	\$450	\$575	\$450	\$500
Stewardship	\$0	\$225	\$0	\$356
Health Ministry	\$0	\$150	\$0	\$150
Parish Life	\$332	\$1,220	\$294	\$338
ELCA Mission Support	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$500	\$1,500
General/Administrative	\$3,700	\$3,510	\$3,207	\$3,456
Facility Expenses	\$6,092	\$7,241	\$6,738	\$5,906
Insurance	\$2,258	\$2,400	\$2,818	\$2,050
Total Expense	\$56,374	\$59,700	\$50,390	\$55,974
INCOME LESS EXPENSE	(\$2,146)	\$448	\$3,669	(\$2,178)

Endowment Account	Monthly Activity	Investment Account	General Endow	Scholarship	Memorial Gardens	Organ Upkeep
Balance @ 2/29/2016		\$43,538	\$27,071	\$21,012	\$9,260	\$13,266
March		\$1,395	\$856	\$673	\$297	\$425
Balance @ 3/31/2016		\$44,933	\$27,927	\$21,685	\$9,557	\$13,691

Capital Fund	BANK ACCT BALANCE @ 2/1/2016	-	-	\$52,172
	INCOME	\$25,185		
	EXPENSES		\$19,012	
	BALANCE @ 3/31/2016			\$58,345



Yummy Bowl in Newport will host Dine Out for Samaritan House, Wednesday, May 4, 2016, donating 30% of the day's sales to Lincoln County's only family homeless shelter. Enjoy lunch or dinner and help our homeless families. Don't forget Take-Out and they deliver!

Rose Davies, Volunteer
Samaritan House





From the Pastor . . .



Pastor Ed Milliken



Dear Friends in Christ,
When the day of Pentecost had come, they (the followers of Jesus) were all together in one place. Suddenly, from heaven, there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and they began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. (Acts 2:1-4)

When Jesus breathed his last breath on the cross his disciples were crushed and were filled with fear. It seemed as though all their hopes and dreams died with him on that dark Friday. But, when Jesus let go of his last breath it did not dissipate and disappear as so many breaths do. Instead, that breath, so full of power and life, grew in strength and in volume until it was a mighty wind, which God sent spinning into an upper room in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost. God wanted to make sure that Jesus' followers were the inheritors of Jesus' breath, and it worked.

There they were, all moping about and wondering what they were going to do without Jesus, when suddenly they heard a holy hurricane headed their way. Before they could defend themselves that mighty wind blew in among them, filling the entire house and striking sparks of flame that rested upon them. And they were filled with it – every one of them – filled to the gills with God's own breath.

As a result of being filled with the power of God some startling things began to occur

within them. They began to speak languages that they didn't know. Out of their mouths these strange languages proclaimed the good news of Jesus so that the foreigners gathered in Jerusalem for the festival heard the gospel proclaimed in their own native language. Shy people became bold. Scared people became gutsy. Lost people gained a secure sense of direction. Disciples, who believed that they couldn't do anything without Jesus, discovered abilities and powers they never knew they had. When they opened their mouths to speak, they sounded like Jesus. When they laid their hands on the sick, it was as if Jesus himself had touched them. They found themselves doing things that they had never seen anyone but him do, and there was no explanation for it except that they dared to breathe on the day of Pentecost.

They had sucked in God's own breath and had been transformed by it. The Holy Spirit had entered them the same way that Spirit entered into Mary, and for the same reason. It was time for the Son of God to be born again – not in one body this time – but in many, in a body of believers who would receive the breath of life from their Lord and then pass it on, using their bodies to distribute the gift. Through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, God performed a feat of artificial respiration on a room full of bumbling, fearful followers turning them into a force that changed the world. The question for us is: Do we still believe in a God who acts like that? Do we still believe in a God who blows through closed doors and sets hearts on fire? Do we really believe



Adult Forum News ... by Pastor Ed

"Prayers of the Heart"

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| May 1— Psalm 73: Praying Our Doubt | May 22— Psalm 103: Praying Our Salvation |
| May 8— Psalm 90: Praying Our Death | May 29— No Adult Forum |
| May 15— No Adult Forum | |

Join us for this "devotional" Bible Study of these selected Psalms.



Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 29, 201 Potluck at 11:00am, Meeting follows at 11:30am
Agenda: Financial & Committees Reports ... Elections



New Members Received

Last month we rejoiced in receiving four new members into our Atonement family of faith... Ed Lord, Eric Post, Guy & Claudine DiTorrice. We pray that God will use their gifts in our mutual ministry in Newport and beyond. Please take time to get to know them and add your personal welcome.



Find the Good News and Praise It ... by Terri McCully

I want to tell everyone that my youngest Craig Lewallen married Michelle on April 14, 2016. They had a beautiful wedding and fun reception. They each wrote vows that said so much about loving each other. They both want to make a difference in our world-I hope and pray that they can.

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in a God who has the power to transform lives, or do we have a more domesticated and scaled down view of God, a God who is more manageable for us and by us? Do we believe that with God's presence, Gods' Spirit within us, that we too have the power to change the world?

My prayer for you, for me, for Atonement is that we would pray, "Come, Holy Spirit," every chance we get and that, despite our doubts and fears, that Spirit would come among us with power to warm our hearts, enliven our witness, and give us the courage and the commitment we need to be faithful followers of our Lord in this time and in this place.

Pastor Ed Milliken



Rhonda Harman ~ Director of Family Ministry

Family Ministry/Education News



Congratulations to Hallie, Helen and Landon for completing Confirmation. You have come each Wednesday for many months to study God's Word. Your Atonement Family is so proud of you! We have pledged to help you along your chosen path sharing God's love with family and neighbors. You are a child of God and have been called to life in Christ. We encourage you to live your faith and do your very best every day. God is happy when we do our best! Every decision we make is our free choice. We all make good ones and not so good ones. Ask for forgiveness and forgive each other. We all lead by example. We want to be kind and just and forgiving. We want to be good listeners so we can understand the needs of others. We want to live out our faith.

Open minded people do not impose their beliefs on others. They accept that we all have a different perspective on life, and do their own thing without judgement.

This is called love. We love God and we love our neighbors as ourselves. We do our best to walk the talk Jesus taught us and we are confident we are saved by grace because we believe. Our hope and prayer is that we might be a beacon for others welcoming them to our Lord and Savior. Together we share the body and blood of Jesus Christ. Communion is also a community meal. All are welcome.

As we were reminded in Adult Forum last month: "The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread." 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17.

Atonement is the most open minded community I know. I am so grateful to have been called to serve here.

Thank you,

Rhonda Harman

Finance Committee ... by Susan Painter

Proposed Bylaw Change



Atonement's Finance Committee, in cooperation with some current and past members of the Endowment Committee, has been working hard to clarify and update our policies and procedures concerning gifts, investments and endowment.

In that context, the Committee and others have revised the Bylaw concerning the Endowment Committee. The Congregation will need to discuss and [hopefully] approve these revisions at the Congregational Meeting on May 29th. The Bylaw will be available shortly on the Church website home page...We Celebrate column and will remain posted until the meeting. Paper copies are available upon request to Raynette in the church office or to any member of the Finance Committee: Richard Kilbride, Terri Homer, Bob Olson, Linda Kilbride, Pastor Ed, and Susan Painter

WELCA Meeting ... by Jean Amundson



All women of Atonement are invited to the May 18th WELCA Meeting.

The meeting will begin at 12:00 noon with a salad potluck in the narthex, followed by fellowship and Bible Study.



Note from Parish Nurse ... by Lynn Moody



For the month of May, Teri Homer will be doing the screening. Also, we will not be doing BP screening in the months of June, July and August.



First Friday Lunch Bunch... Friday May 5th @ FishTails

Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) ... by Pastor Ed



In the waters of baptism, God graciously claims and redeems us for a life of faith in this world. Baptism is the beginning of a life-long relationship with God, the church, and the world. As children grow in years, parents and the church provide opportunities for them to continue to grow in their knowledge of God and of all that God has done for them.

Hallie Ezzell, Helen Ezzell, and Landon Goebel have recently completed a short course of study of scripture, Luther's Small Catechism and the basic tenets of the Christian faith and are ready to stand before the congregation and affirm for themselves the promise made by their parents at baptism and, more importantly, the promises God made to them.

The Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) service will be held at the 11:00am service on Sunday, May 8th.

*"Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in
Hallie, Helen, and Landon the gift of your Holy Spirit.
Confirm their faith, guide their lives
Empower them in their serving,
Give them patience in suffering,
And bring them to everlasting life. Amen."*



Ponderings from the President ... By Susan Painter

All Are Welcome



Raised in a very small, insular town in western Pennsylvania, I had few friends in my neighborhood. My increasingly large group of siblings - eventually numbering seven - didn't really count, because they were "just family." To the chagrin of our parents, one of my closest buddies was a boy.

As ten year olds, Mike and I roamed the woods and the fields, climbed trees, rode bikes, talked of cowboys and Indians and "what we wanted to do when we grew up." Sometimes we talked about church. Mike knew my dad was a pastor, and we attended the Lutheran church with the big red door. But Mike was Catholic. He told me he could never set foot on the other side of that big red door - always wide open on Sunday mornings - or he would "go to hell."

That was unthinkable to me, so I taunted him to come with me one Sunday - or even just sneak in the back door after school of an afternoon, when I knew only Pastor was there, but the door was open. But Mike was too scared. He thought I could probably visit his Catholic church, up Main Street from mine, without a similar fate; but he was never really sure. While my church would have welcomed him, his church could not allow it. Mike's fear was my earliest introduction to Catholicism.

Later, I learned from other Catholics that theirs was truly the religion of "no." They could not read the Bible; only the priests did that. They would not accept gays. They could not marry, if once divorced.

They could not practice birth control. A teenager raped by her father would have to be a mother if the assault made her pregnant. Decades later, my husband, a recovering Catholic, echoed Mike's long ago fears; he worried he would be damned to hell if he took communion at Atonement. Only when he learned that Pope John XXIII [who once blessed him, a young serviceman, at the Vatican] allowed Catholics to share the Lord's Table at other churches was he willing to accept Atonement's welcome.

Unwelcoming, I learned as I grew older, could happen anywhere. As a teenager, I invited an African American couple in town to our home to watch a special, "In Black America," on the family television. But my father - the Lutheran pastor - vetoed the offer. When I reminded him that he preached words of welcome from the pulpit, he insisted, "We don't bring social problems into *this family*."

In law school, I learned that our eminent dean had called into his office all nine of the students who were the first women in the institution's storied history to be enrolled there. One by one, he interrogated them: "I want you to tell me why you are here, because the seat you hold could have been occupied by a man?!"

We must **shout out** Christ's message of welcome, lest it be lost in the clatter of "no." As politicians speak of building walls and turning away those "huddled masses yearning to breathe free," our promise to "reach out with God's love" becomes more urgent. How have we

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Property Committee ... by Mary Lou Mate



Room Rental

Our church facilities/rooms on the lower level are available for rent...short term events (parties, meetings, weddings) or long term (weekly or monthly) if needed. Please, check with our office for available dates and time.

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Monthly Work Party



Mark your calendar and plan to join the Property Committee Work Party from 9-12 on the 3rd Monday of each month. It is a great time to get to know members as you work together to keep the church grounds picked up and our building clean.



Ponderings from the President ... (continues from page 7)

offered welcome in our homes and our offices and our hearts? Are we doing enough to provide the poorest among us with shelter, food and clothing? Do we take that extra step to include the stranger, the outcast, the "not-like-us" in our ministry?

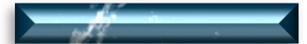
As we celebrate our first half century as a church community, let us vow to strengthen our welcome and renew our vision of wholeness:

“Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions: all are welcome, all are welcome...

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat;
A banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are welcome, all are welcome....

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place!""*

* Marty Haugen, "All Are Welcome," ©1994 GIA Publications, Inc. ELCA hymnal.



May 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>8:00am Worship 9-12 Blood Pressure 9:30am Adult Forum /Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm 50th Anniversary Mtg 12:30pm Ed Mtg</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 6:30pm Parish Life</p>	<p>3</p> <p>2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails</p>	<p>6</p> <p>12:00pm First Friday Brunch @ Fish Tails</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm)</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Mother's Day</p> <p>8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum /Sunday Sch 11:00am Worship Confirmation</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Office Closed 9:45am Property 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study</p>	<p>10</p> <p>2:00pm Staff Mtg 5:30pm Social Ministry Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>11</p> <p>4:00pm Finance 5:30pm HMT</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 4-9pm OCQG Mtg (FH)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00am 50th Anniversary Setup</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm) 9:00am 50th Anniversary Setup</p>
<p>15</p> <p>10:00am Worship 11:30am Program 12:15pm Lunch 1:30pm Social Time Nat'l Siblings Day</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 9:00am 50th Anniversary Cleanup 6:00pm Steering 7:00pm Peace Village</p>	<p>17</p> <p>2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>18</p> <p>12:00pm WELCA 7:00pm Council</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg (Ed Rm) Arm Forces Day </p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:00am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum /Sunday Sch 11:00am Worship</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study 5:00pm Stone Soup @ St Stephens</p>	<p>24</p> <p>WAVES Deadline 2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:00am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Fish Tails 5:00pm Randy's Feed & Read (FH)</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:00-11:30am Weight Watchers Mtg ((Ed Rm) National Burger Day</p>
<p>29</p> <p>10:00am Worship 11:00am Potluck 11:30am Congregational Mtg</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Office Closed 1:00pm Prayer/Bible Study Memorial Day </p>	<p>31</p> <p>2:00pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Early Risers 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>		<p>National Bike Month</p>	<p>National Mental Health Awareness Month</p>	<p>National Physical Fitness & Sports Month </p>





Worship Page

Worship

Readers

Altar Guild

Musicians

1	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Jean Amundson Shannon White	MaryLou Mate Marian Brown	Tami Johnson Tami Johnson
8	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Mike Rawles Deb Christensen	MaryLou Mate Bette Harmon	Jerryann Olson Jerryann Olson
15	10:00 a.m.	Guest	Marian Brown MaryLou Mate	Kathy Eggleston Swenson
22	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Rhonda Harman Terri Homer	Marian Brown Deb Christensen	Marian Brown Marian Brown
29	10:00 a.m.	Donna White	Marian Brown	Tami Johnson



Bob Olson	5/4	Tami Johnson	5/25
James Ezzell	5/5	Johnathan Elbert	5/26
Tom Hamilton	5/5	Roger Snelling	5/28
Reuben Johnsen	5/7	Carlton Olson	5/30
Laura Swanson	5/9		
Helen Ezzell	5/11		
Carol Baker	5/19		
Tim Miller-Morgan	5/20		
Lily Phelps	5/20		



Dick & Linda Kilbride 5/30



1	Bruce & MaryLou Mate
8	Paul & Jean Amundson (Kara's Birthday)
15	Don & Ann Davis (60th Anniversary)
22	Shannon & Donna White (Megan's Birthday)
29	Dick & Linda Kilbride



1	Dan Elbert & Paul Stangeland
8	Paul Stangeland & Paul Amundson
15	Paul Amundson & Peggy Gilman
22	Peggy Gilman & Bob Olson
29	Bob Olson & Terri Homer

Social Ministry Committee

Food for Food Share Program ... by Terri McCulley

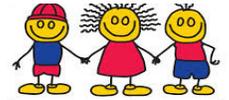


for all the support we have received for this program. Anything is welcome and helpful, but this month we will focus on **Soups**.

Stone Soup ... May 23, 2016

We host the Stone Soup Kitchen at St. Stephens Church, for those who need a meal. If you are able to help, there will be a sign-up sheet on bulletin board in the Narthex (usually by 3rd week of the month).

Randy's Read & Feed ... by Sally Jennings



Our next Randy's Feed & Read program will be held on *Thursday, May 26th*. Our program has an ongoing need for help on the day of the event. Help (starting at 3:30) preparing the food and doing set up is welcome. *We especially need volunteers to serve food and do kitchen clean up and dishes. Arrive by 5:45 and stay and help until 7:00.*

Easter Food Baskets ... by Sally Jennings



Heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make Easter Food Baskets possible this year. Because of your generous donations of food, money, and your time, the people of Atonement were able to provide all the fixings for Easter dinner, and then some, to 16 families in need. Nine food baskets were delivered to families living at Samaritan House, and seven boxes of food were delivered to H.E.L.P. families who attend our Randy's Feed & Read family night out.

Our shopping crew purchased boneless hams, salad boxes, mini carrots, cherry tomatoes, strawberries, oranges, dinner rolls, bread, butter, eggs and cookies for the families to enjoy. Volunteers met at 1:00 on Good Friday to fill boxes with donated food staples and fresh food. Additional volunteers from our congregation helped deliver the heavy food boxes to the families on our list.

Our food baskets were especially needed this year. Easter weekend was at the end of the month, as well as at the end of Spring Break, when families tend to be running low on food and food resources. Families were very grateful to receive this abundance of food. Thank you for your generosity. God's work, our hands!



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Reaching Out with God's

Reminder...



50th Anniversary Celebration Check-List

The 50th Anniversary Committee is looking forward to a wonderful, fun celebration on May 15th and would like to remind everyone of the following.

- Send in your RSVP
- One service at 10am
- Arrive at 9:15 if you have signed up to help
- Please park in the PUD gravel parking lot (if you are able)
- Remember to wear your name tag
- Plan to take photos to share